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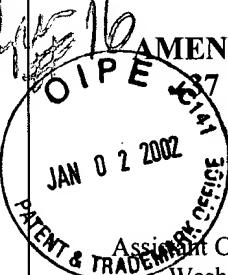
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<p align="center"><b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116</b></p> <p align="center">Address to: Box AF Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231</p> <p align="right">   JAN 02 2002         </p>	Application Number	09/544,910
	Filing Date	April 7, 2000
	First Named Inventor	Huang <i>et al.</i>
	Examiner	S. Rawlings
	Group Art	1642
	Attorney Docket No.	06510-121US1
	Title	Methods and Compositions for Use in the Treatment of Hyperlipidemia

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 9, 2001. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 2-3.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for reducing the plasma level of VLDL in a host, said method comprising:

administering to said host an effective amount of an agent which at least reduces the amount of plasma active apoE in said host by reducing the expression of apoE by an amount sufficient to reduce VLDL production in said host to reduce the plasma level of VLDL in said host, whereby the plasma level of VLDL in said host is reduced.